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In re application of: S. A. Schneider, et al

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Examiner: INGBERG, Todd D.

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Group: 2122

Title: REAL-TIME CONTROL SYSTEM
DEVELOPMENT TOOL

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, a response to which is due May 15, 2002, with a one-month extension, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are still pending in this application. A five-way Restriction Requirement has been received. The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview of Tuesday, May 7, 2002. In that interview, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed this case and agreed that a response would be submitted in writing. The Examiner agreed that if the below arguments are unpersuasive, that the Examiner would conduct a telephone interview with the undersigned to discuss the Restriction. Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned should this response not be persuasive.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement as explained below, but does provisionally elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-7 and 8-14.

Applicant initially notes that although claims 19-21 have been placed into Group III, they actually belong in Group II. Group II includes claim 15 ("A control system for use on a real-time computer . . ."), and claim 22 ("A method for executing a control system on a real-time